




Thursday 1st November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to share with you an overview of the learning opportunities that your child will be experiencing in the second half of the autumn term in Early Years.

Our topics this half term are 'Autumn, Winter, Colours and Christmas'. In December, all children will take part in the annual Christmas Nativity Play.

In addition to this information, please see the class planning boards in each classroom for the ideas the children have contributed too!

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>Teachers will be continuing with daily classroom routines that the children will be able to anticipate. We will be maintaining the clear boundaries and expectations in the classroom and in the outside environment, talking about classroom rules and why they are important.</p> <p>Teachers will be helping children to negotiate and solve problems themselves, for example, when sharing resources, taking turns and making a compromise.</p>
<p>Communication and Language Development</p> 	<p>Children will be listening to, and joining in with, stories read by adults in their classroom every day.</p> <p>We will be exploring and developing language and vocabulary through everyday play and new topics and themes.</p> <p>We will be encouraging children to listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in a conversation.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Children will be able to play and explore in the outside environment each day, running, climbing, digging, using the bikes and scooters etc.</p> <p>We will be encouraging the children to develop hand-eye coordination by using scissors, paintbrushes and other tools.</p> <p>We will encourage the children to become more independent when putting on and taking off jumpers, coats and wellies. Reception children will be changing into PE kits for PE lessons.</p>
<p>Literacy Reading and writing</p> 	<p>Children will be encouraged to share and enjoy stories and books with each other as well as having lots of opportunities to write, draw and paint.</p> <p>Reception aged children will begin to learn, recognise and write the letters g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b,l and f as well as remembering the letters they learnt last half term. They will learn the actions and sounds for these letters.</p> <p>Reception aged children will also be reading stories about Kipper and his family in our Oxford Reading Scheme books which they will bring home each week.</p>

Mathematics Development



Children will be encouraged to join in with activities which will include using numbers in familiar contexts. They will be recognising and comparing sets of objects and then learning to find one more/less up to 5 and beyond as well as counting groups of objects up to 10 and beyond.

In practical activities, we will continue to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.

Children will explore flat and solid objects and shapes and talk about ways to describe and sort them.

Understanding the World



As part of our Autumn and Winter topic the children will be finding out about seasonal changes and the world around us. Teachers will be encouraging children to ask questions about the natural world.

Children will be using the classroom computers as well as the school iPads and cameras.

As part of our Christmas celebrations children will be learning about the Christmas story and taking part in the school Christmas production and Nativity play.

Expressive Arts and Design



Children will have lots of opportunities to explore the creative areas of the classroom using materials such as paints, clay, playdough, chalks and crayons.

We will be encouraging children to join in with familiar classroom songs and nursery rhymes as well as learning all the songs for the Christmas Production.

Children will have opportunity to be imaginative within role play, in the home area and when using the class dressing up box.

Homework activities this half term

Nursery and Reception.

Please share books with your child from the classroom, from home and from the school library every day. Sing familiar songs and have lots of time to play games together.

Please remember that your child's book bag and water bottle should be in school every day. Your child's PE kit should stay in school for the half term. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled.

At Castle Park School, we value the important partnership between home and school; please use the information above to support your child with their learning over the coming weeks. If you have any questions about any of this information, please feel free to call into school and see us.

Thank you.

The Early Years Team